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NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

POPLAR CHURCH, NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.
Saturday Before the Third Lord's Day
in September, 1924.

OFFICERS

W. H. RAINER, Moderator ..... Little Rock, Miss.
W. J. McMULLAN, Clerk ..... Newton, Miss.
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist was held with Ephesus Church, Scott County, Miss., September 15, 16 and 17, 1923.

After song service, prayer led by J. S. Laird.

Bro. J. L. Comans preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: Rom. 1:16, "For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the Power of God Unto Salvation to every one that Believeth."

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

Afternoon Session—1:30 P. M. Moderator called the body to order. Prayer led by Bro. Z. K. Gilmore.

The Moderator then declared the Association ready for business. Appointed M. R. Jones, C. Buckley, Sam Bounds, Reading Clerks; J. W. William, O. Barfoot, W. W. Adams Committee on Finance; A. J. Gordon, H. P. Everett, and deacons and pastors of Ephesus Church Committee on Preaching.

Roll call of churches showed the following messengers entitled to seats.

Bulah—L. B. Harrison.
Beat Line—I. A. Leach.
Cross Roads—A. S. Smith, H. Germany.
Cedar Grove—W. W. Skinner.
Hazle—M. E. Tillman, J. H. Saterfield, J. L. Pool.
Ebeneser—S. Bounds, B. Nelson.
Ephesus—G. W. Gardner, R. E. May.
Hebron—C. C. White, J. S. Laird, M. R. Jones.
High Hill—O. V. Trapp, M. Cox, W, H. Johnson.
Hope Well—J. W. William.
Lawrence—W. M. Beaver, J. B. Price.
Midway—J. D. Norman, Mrs. Lizzie McMullan, Miss Bernice McMullan.
Good Hope—E. Waltman, J. J. Myers, S. Steward.
New Ireland—M. O. Barfoot, C. Osborne.
New Prospect—R. A. Moody, J. H. Savell.
New Providence—C. Buckley, F. Lindley.
Poplar—L. F. Milling, C. M. Addy.
Pinckney—A. J. Gordon.
Pine Bluff—H. E. Gibb, John Wash.
Pine Ridge—E. L. Robinson, A. A. Melton.
Pleasant Ridge—H. P. Everett, C. A. Magee.
Pleasant Hill—W. W. Adams, C. C. Evans, J. H. Wilson.
Providence—Ethel Johnson, Elsie Alexander.
Rock Hill—W. L. Martin, Lillie Giles.
Sulphur Springs—J. L. Cloud, S. M. McDill.
Sardis—G. B. Finley, P. Mosely.

Motion carried and proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. W. H. Rainer elected Moderator by acclamation, W. J. McMullan clerk, and J. E. Graham treasurer.

Correspondents called for. Z. K. Gilmore, L. E. Lightsey, L. G. Bassett, L. D. Bassett, D. M. Stroud, from Bay Springs, and J. Rushing, W. R. Harrison, of Scott County Association, bid welcome.

Committees to Write Reports

State of Religion—J. L. Coman, W. L. Collins; Missions—M. R. Jones, H. P. Yarbrough, A. J. Gordon; Orphanage—C. C. White, N. V. Harrison; Temperance—J. H. Saterfield, A. S. Smith, H. P. Everette; Baptist Hospitals—R. M. McMullan, W. J. McMullan; Sunday School—C. C. Evens, J. S. Laird, L. G. Bassett; W. M. U.—L. E. Lightsey, Mrs. Lizzie McMullan, Miss Bernice McMullan Christian Education—J. W. William, Z. K. Gilmore, L. G. Bassett; Publications—J. I. Robinson, R. L. Summerlin, F. Riser; Nomination—N. V. Harrison, J. W. William, A. J. Gordon, C. A. Crawford; Queries and Requests—A. S. Smith, H. P. Everett, J. S. Laird; Obituaries—J. H. Saterfield, G. W. Gardner, J. D. Norman.

Committee on Preaching Reports. W. L. Collins to preach in the church Sunday, 11 A. M; L. D. Bassett in the School House, 11 A. M. and L. G. Bassett to preach in School House 2 P. M., and the Sunday School work taken up in the church at 2 P. M; C. A. Crawford to conduct prayer service in the church, 10 A. M., and C. C. Evans to conduct prayer service at the School House, 10 A. M.

Sunday 11 A. M.

W. L. Collins preached in the church. Text: "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God". Bro. L. D. Bassett presided in the School House at 11 A. M. The preaching was strong and forceful. Collection for missions, $31.50.

2 P. M. Sunday

School report read by C. C. Evans, and discussed by Bros. Lipsie Summerlin, McMullan and Judge Kent. Adopted.

Report on Sunday School

The Sunday School properly conducted is a branch of the church at work. There is not as much interest taken in the Sunday School as should be. There is room for everyone to work in the Sunday School. It is one of the best places to learn the Scripture We urge that every church see that they have a Sunday School reported to the next Association.

C. C. EVANS, Chairman.

Monday, 8:30 A. M.

After song and prayer service the body was called to order by the Moderator. The order of business was called.. Rock Hill church was received back into the body. Correspondence called for. Bro. I. A. Hailey seated from Newton County Association. Rules of Decorun, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers of the Association were read. Messengers to the General Association enrolled as follows: H. P. Everett, R. L. Summerlin, M. R. Jones, W. W. Adams, C. A. Crawford, J. H. Saterfield, J. L. Coman, J. S. Laird, C. C. White, C. Bufkin, F. Lindley, N. V. Harrison, W. H. Rainer, W. J. McMullan, L. B. Harrison, J. D. Myers, J. J. Myers, G. W. Gardner, E. Stewart, J. W. Williams, E. Waltman. Scott County Association: J. L. Comans, R. L. Summerlin. To Newton County Association: C. A. Crawford, C. Bufkin, A. S. Smith, M. R. Jones, C. C. Evans to Bay Springs: C. Bufkin, J. L. Comans, J. I. Robinson, H. P. Everett. To

Ottibbeha Association: W. H. Rainer, W. W. Adams, M. R. Jones, J. W. William, J. S. Laird.

Rpeort of the committees called for.

Report on state of Religion was read by J. L. Comans; discussed by Bros. Comans and Stroud.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence

Your committee cannot make a lengthy report. Some churches have had enthusiastic meetings and were considerably revived, others had good preaching with little interest manifested. Some are cold and indifferent. One has been resuscitated. We cannot make a very favorable report. Too many church members care nothing for the Lord's work; they let worldly things get between them and the Lord Brethen, let us give a few admonitions: Study to show yourself approved of God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Let us work for the peace and harmony of the church. We should see that our members are taught the doctrine and church discipline of our denomination, and that they be faithful in every good work.

J. L. COMANS, Chairman

J. H. Saterfield moved to limit speeches to five minutes; the chairman allowed ten minutes. Report on Missions was read by M. R. Jones; discussed by Bros. Bufkin, Gilmore, Stroud and Adams.

Report on Missions

The word "missions" is a great word. In this word is embraced the great activities of the Christian religion. It is the carrying out of the grand principles of human redemption. There has been a great deal accomplished through the work of Missions, but there never has been a time that need of Missions was greater than now. Let us lift our eyes and look upon the field, for it is alredy white unto harvest.

We have three departmens of Mission work: State, Home and Foreign. Jesus said repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, thence to the uttermost parts of the earth; and we are the witnesses of these things. We are taught in God's word that other foundations hath no man laid. We should besure to build a good foundation at home, which is the real basis of all Kingdom work. We recommend that each church in this grand old Mt. Pisgah Association look well after the work in this part of the state, as well as the Home and Foreign fields. We feel to be under many and renewed obligations to God and have many things for which to thank and praise His great name. We recommend that the churches send up funds to the General Association to help sustain their Mission work. We can help preach the word by sustaining the preacher on the Mission field. Let us each examine ourselves, and as the Lord hath prospered us so let us give.

M. R. JONES,
H. P. YARBROUGH,
A. J. GARDNER, Com.

Report on Orphanage was read by N. V. Harrison; discussed by Bros. Lightsey and Hailey.

Report on Orphanage

The Baptist Orphanage at Jackson has cared for hundreds of homeless children, many of whom are now filling positions of importance in our State and in other states. There are now in the home one hundred and forty children, all in good health, being educated and trained preparatory for a useful life. Special attention is being given their mental, moral, and religious training. The Home is supported by voluntary contributions. Our people have been loyal to the Home. We recommend that you continue to support the Home.

C. C. WHITE, Chairman.

Report on Temperance was read by A. S. Smith; discussed by Bros. Rainer and Saterfield.

Report on Temperance

Your committee on Temperance believe that three has been some progress made within the last year in stamping out whiskey, the principal evil along this line. We earnestly beg that all members of this Association co-operate with the officers to stamp out this great evil. The Bible says "be temperate in all things", and there are some things that each of us should abstain from absolutely. We condemn all kinds of "Jazz" and "Rag" music, and especially recommend that we be careful in selecting our music in the worship of our Saviour. How can we expect our God to be merciful to us if our concience condemns us? Pray much, and do all you can to make your family and community temperate in all things. We cannot be too careful nor do too much.

A. S. SMITH,
H. P. EVERETT.
J. H. SATERFIELD.

Report on Baptist Hospitals was read by W. J. McMullan; discussed by Bro. Hailey.

Report on Hospitals

The Baptist Hospital at Jackson began in 1910 in a wooden building; in 1921 the present magnificent building was completed with sventy-five beds, with three side closed porches, and two on the front, fifty more patients can be cared for in an emergency. The Hospital has a larger patronage than ever before. It now has an up-to-date X-Ray and well equipped laboratory. Our surgical and medical staff is composed of the best men of the profession. All reputable physicians and surgeons are allowed and invited to bring their patients to the Hospital. We have one of the best Nurse Training Schools in the State. The Hospital is doing a large amount of charity work. It is not a money-making institution, the purpose being to use every dollar taken in from pay patients, above expenses for those who are not able to pay for treatment. We recommend the use of the Baptist Hospital when in need of hospital service.

W. J. McMULLAN

Report on W. M. U. was read by L. E. Lightsey.

Report on W. M. U.

One of the important works of the Baptists is the Woman's Missionary Union. Three regular and four special workers are in the field; have held 29 institutes, six district meetings, one State Convention this year, and given 1200 certificates.

The Union encourages regular Bible and Mission study in order that the Union shall accomplish the best possible results for the Kingdom. The example of the early Christians must be followed. They first gave themselves to the Lord. When the heart is fully surrendered to His will, then time, talents and means will be given. We urge that a W. M. U. be organized in every church in our Association.

L. E. LIGHTSEY,
MRS. LIZZIE McMULLAN.
BERNICE McMULLAN.

The Association adjourned one hour for refreshments

After a bountiful repast resumed work of the body.

Finance Report read by J. W. Williams; adopted as read.

Report on Finance

Associational fund received this year	$68.46
Collected for Missions on Sunday	23.10
For the Orphanage	8.40
Total	$99.96

J. W. WILLIAM, W. W. ADAMS, Com.

Treasurer received last year	$116.00
Paid for the Association	87.00
Paid for the Orphanage	21.00
General Association	8.00
Total	$116.00

J. E. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

Report on Christian Education was read by L. E. Lightsey; discussed by Bros. Lightsey and J. C. Richardson.

Report on Christian Education

The Baptists of Mississippi have four colleges for the training of our people for greater usefulness in Christian work: Mississippi College, the oldest institution of learning in the state, with more than 400 students last year. Its graduates encircle the globe, and are blessing the world with their work. It has an endowment of $500,000.00. The Woman's College had 550 students last year, has 50 acres of campus, four brick buildings, a hospital and four cottages. Blue Mountain College has become the property of Mississippi Baptists. Clarke College enrolled 185 students last session, and the best work of its history was done. Improvements and equipments have been made. Mississippi Baptists are interested in the Bible Institution in New Orleans, with 250 students coming from nineteen states. The Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., is the largest Christian Seminary in the world. Its property, equipment and endowment is worth nearly $2,000,000.00. In Mississippi and Clarke Colleges are 129 ministerial students, half of whom must have financial aid to remain in school. Baptists of Mississippi have been giving $10,000 a year for this purpose, but more is needed.

Z. K. GILMORE,
J. W. WILLIAM,
L. E. LIGHTSEY.

Report on Publications was read by J. I. Robinson; discussed by Bros. Robinson and Lightsey.

Report on Publications

"As a man liveth so is he". We become a part of what we read and build character accordingly. Strong Christion character comes when we read the Bible.

We recommend the Baptist Record, Orphanage Gem, and such literature as fostered by the denomination. We recommend a careful selection of the periodicals that go into our homes.

J. I. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Report on Obituaries was read by G. W. Gardner.

Obituaries

The names of our dead: Sisters—M. Blass, C. Bynum, O. Weems M. McMullan. Brothers—E. Rube, H. C. Rush, D. Nelson, T. T. Tillman, E. Germany, C. Caldwell, D. N. Mathes, Wm. Yarbrough J. Bishop.

J. H. SATERFIELD, Chairman.

Report on Nominations was read by N. V. Harrison.

Report on Nominations

We recommend that C. A. Crawford preach the next introductory, J. H. Saterfield alternate; R. K. Cleveland the Annual Sermon W. H. Rainer, alternate.

N. V. HARRISON, Chairman.

Report on Queries and Requests was read by A. S. Smith.

Report on Queries and Requests

We find that County Line, Dixon and Oak Grove ask for letters of dismission and recommend the same; and that Pleasant Hill Poplar, New Ireland, High Hill and Ebenezer ask for the next Association. Recommend Poplar for 1924 Meeting.

A. S. SMITH.

Resolution

1. That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2. That all money on hand for the Orphanage he sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by O. K. of the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of this Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3. That we extend our sincere thanks to Ephesus church and the entire community for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association.

4. That we may now adjourn to meet with Poplar Church, eight miles southwest of Union, Newton County, Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1924.

While singing "Sweet By-and-By," the parting hand was given and fervent prayer in behalf of the body and its work, closeed a harmonious session of the association.

W. H. RAINER, Moderator.
W. J. McMULLAN Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall consist of messengers chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such messengers shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed to seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitteed into the Association they shall petition by letter and messenger and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their messenger the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two messengers and no more until her number shall be one hundred; three messengers until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty; then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the mover before discussion

9. A motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject 'till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then, until leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15 A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderaotr subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of messengers shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be carefully read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall open with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of this Association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE

We, the messengers of regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Tribune God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptural doctrine to the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling being justified alone through righteousness of Carist, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood become the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and requires all men to repent believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the rightous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly decipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiven of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

2. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake in the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of the Association

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship

and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters, when solicited and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire to be the inalienable rights of every Association of every church of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And on motion whereby the rights is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not messengers, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any prson or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of the proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Chairmen to Write Reports for 1924

State of Religion, W. J. McMullan; Missions, J. L. Coman; Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., M. R. Jones; Orphanage, J. E. Graham; Baptist Hospitals, T. A. Sims; Temperance, J. I. Robinson; W. M. U. Mrs. Agnes G. Rush; Christian Education, J. W. William; Publication, R. K. Cleveland; Nominations, W. W. Adams; Queries and Reuests, H. P. Everett; President of the Sunday School Work west of G. M. & N. R. R., Claude Bufkin, and on east side, M. R. Jones.

Ordained Ministers

	Postoffice
H. O. White	Little Rock, Miss.
R. K. Cleveland	Little Rock, Miss.
T. A. Sims	Little Rock, Miss.
J. S. Laird	Little Rock, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.
J. L. Coman	Sebastapol, Miss.
J. H. Saterfield	Lawrence, Miss.
R. L. Summerlin	Lawrence, Miss.
C. A. Crawford	Decatur, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
E. W. Breland	Hazle, Miss.
R. M. McMullan	Newton, Miss.
W. H. Giddeon	Newton, Miss.
E. D. Wedgeworth	Sylvarena, Miss.

Licentiates:

Walter Cross	Newton, Miss.
Clyde Bufkin	Decatur, Miss.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	SECRETARY	POST OFFICE	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Av. Attendance	No. Church Mbrs.	Bap'd from Schoo	No. Diplomas	Kind of Literature
Bulah	T. A. Sims	Little Rock	Miss Ola Harrison	Decatur	6	60	40				Baptist
Beat Line*											
Cross Roads	A. S. Smith	Decatur	Wm. G. Thornton	Decatur	4	50	25				"
Cedar Grove	Clark Everett	Newton	Miss Lillie Holliday	Newton	5	35	20				"
Ebenezer	Sam May	Decatur	Miss Myrtle Stephens	Lawrence	4	50	18				"
Good Hope	A. Smith	Lake	Emma Waltman	Lake	6	66	35				"
Hazle	R. L. Summerlin	Lake	Nettie M. Emmons	Lake	6	70	50				"
Hebron	M. R. Jones	Union	Ina Laird	Little Rock	4	50	35				"
Midway	W. W. McMullan	Newton	Miss Fannie Mc. ullan	Newton	4	32	12			3	"
New Ireland	M. O. Barfoot	Union	Louise Hunter	Union	7	70	50				"
New Prospect			Edna Boughmor	Conehatta	5	38	20				"
New Providence	Carl Buckley	Chunky	Miss Thelma Lindley	Meehan	4	40	20				"
Pinckney	J. E. Collins	Union	V. G. Gordon	Union	6	45	Just	Organized			"
Pine Ridge	A. A. Melton	Lawrence	Erline Smith	Lake	4	72	40				"
Pleasant Ridge	H. N. Thorn	Decatur	Bessie Chancy	Hickory	7	35	20				"
Pleasant Hill	C. C. Evans	Conehatta	.....	Conehatta	5	85	40				"

* Will organize first of October.

Midway Reports W. M. U. Superintendent Mrs. M. M. McMullan, P. O. Newton.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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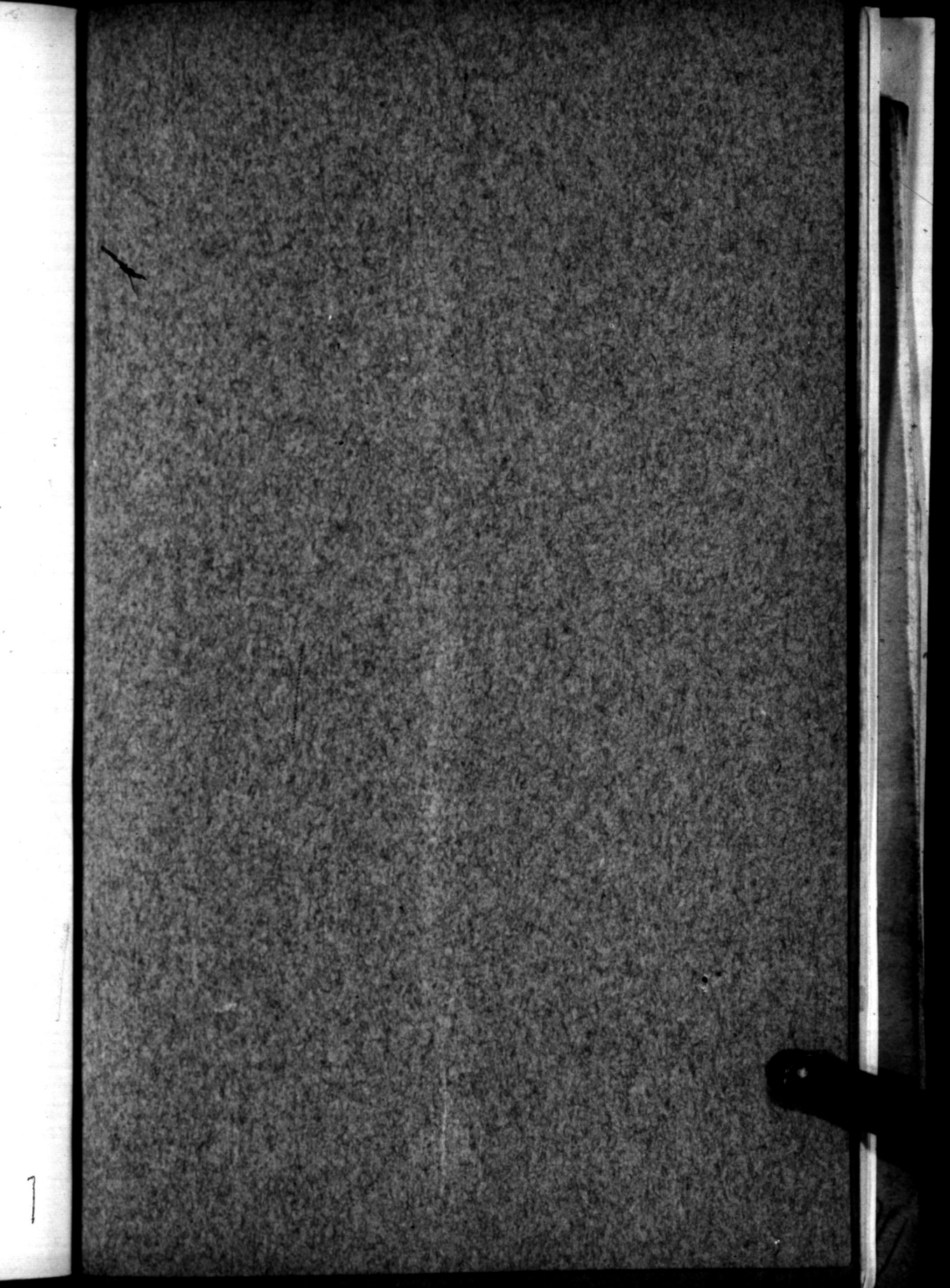
CHURCH	COUNTY	CLERK	POST OFFICE	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd. Statement	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Erased	Dead	Unknown	Non-Residents	Resident Mbrs.	Total Members	Ordn'd Ministers	Licentiates	No. Minutes	Time of Meeting
Bulah	Newton	J. E. Graham	Decatur	F. M. Breland	Philadelphia	6	1						2				207	3		24	4
Beat Line	Newton			J. L. Comans	Sebastapol	5		1									18			12	4
Cross Roads	Newton	M. F. Mann	Decatur	J. E. Chapman	Newton	2	1					4			2		71				4
Cedar Grove	Newton	W. L. Gibbs	Newton	N. B. Hammond	Newton	6	2			5							24				2 & 4
Ebenezer	Newton	O. O. Bounds	Newton	R. K. Cleveland	Little Rock	15	6	1		1			1		5	89	89				3
Ephesus	Scott	J. D. Myers	Forest	J. H. Saterfield	Lake	1				2			1				49	1			1
Good Hope	Scott	T. E. Davis	Lake	G. M. May	Harperville	4	2		1	4	1						124				2
Hazle	Newton	Mrs. Agnes G. Rush	Lake	W. B. Mott	Lawrence	12	6			4			3				137	2			1
Hebron	Newton	M. R. Jones	Union	A. B. Culpepper	Duffee	8	2			7	1						132	2			2
Hope Well	Newton	J. B. Williamson	Duffee	W. H. Rainer	Little Rock	7	1			2							152				3
High Hill	Newton	L. W. Brewer	Dixon	G. M. May	Harperville	9	5				1						144	1			3
Lawrence	Newton	Mrs. J. B. Price	Lawrence	J. W. Spikes	Newton	1	3						1		8	18	26				4
Midway	Newton	W. J. McMullan	Newton	G. A. Smith	Newton								1		3	27	30	1			3
New Ireland	Newton	S. B. Barfoot	Union	J. L. Comans	Sebastapol					4			1				88				2
New Prospect	Newton	P. H. Savell	Conehatta	J. L. Comans	Sebastapol					4							85				3
New Providence	Newton	Frank Lindley	Meehan	J. S. Laird	Little Rock	1	5							5	14	40	54				3
Poplar	Newton	L. F. Milling	Conehatta	J. L. Comans	Sebastapol	2				1							65				4
Pinckney	Newton	V. G. Gordan	Union	Roy G. Clarke	Harperville	3	2						1				35				3
Pine Bluff	Newton	F. L. Gibbs	Newton	James E. Chapman	Newton					2							65				1
Pine Ridge	Newton	N. V. Harrison	Newton	J. S. Laird	Little Rock	4	1			2	2						40				1
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	J. T. Caldwell	Decatur	W. H. Rainer	Little Rock	3	2			5			2		24	65	89				1
Providence	Lauderdale	Ethel Johnson	Shamberville	C. A. Crawford	Decatur	3	3						2				23				2
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	Lillie Giles	Meehan	Walter Cross	Newton	7			1	1					2	35	37				3
Pleasant Hill	Newton	W. J. Adams	Conehatta	F. M. Breland	Philadelphia		4	1	5	2			1				130				1
Sulphur Spring	Scott	J. L. Cloud	Conehatta	F. M. Breland	Philadelphia	5				1				4	4	64	72				3
Sardis	Newton	S. M. Warren	Sebastapol				5			7							110				1

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	Date Organized	State Mission	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Orphanage	Local Poor	Associational Fund	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church	Value of Church Property	Building and Repairing
Bulah	Newton	1850	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3.00	$	$	$	$100.00	$1000.00	$500.00	
Beat Line	Newton								1.50			6.00	19.00	500.00		6.00
Cross Roads	Newton	1880							3.00					500.00	50.00	
Cedar Grove	Newton	1920							2.00			17.00				
Ebenezer	Newton	1873							3.00			45.00	100.00	700.00	150.00	
Ephesus	Scott	1887							2.25							
Good Hope	Scott	1880		80.00		6.00		10.00	5.00			17.00	75.00	500.00	50.00	
Hazle	Newton			2.70	2.70	5.00			2.50			45.00				12.50
Hebron	Newton	1880	30.60				26.00		1.90			21.00		800.00		
Hope Well	Newton	1898	15.00					100.00	3.50			47.60		800.00		120.00
High Hill	Newton							9.84	3.25							
Lawrence	Newton	1917	34.15						2.00			51.00	150.00			2.00
Midway	Newton	1878	20.00	15.00		7.50	2.00	8.00	1.75			26.50	70.00	800.00		
New Ireland	Newton															
New Prospect	Newton	1858							3.00			11.90	42.00	2000.00		
New Providence	Newton	189							2.00			13.77	70.00			
Poplar	Newton											16.00	80.00	500.00		150.00
Pinckney	Newton	1847							1.50				50.00	400.00	150.00	
Pine Bluff	Newton	1888	6.89	6.89	6.88				1.65			25.00	53.56	800.00		
Pine Ridge	Newton		5.00						1.50			15.50	50.00	1000.00	150.00	
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	190	9.74						3.00				100.00	500.00	250.00	
Providence	Lauderdale	1920							1.65			7.30		300.00		
Pleasant Hill	Newton		7.00						3.00			51.00	175.00	1000.00	400.00	
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	1920							2.00			16.70	50.00	300.00	50.00	
Sulphur Springs	Scott	1848		11.95					1.50			35.00	72.75	800.00	100.00	137.50
Sardis	Newton								4.00			52.26	180.00			



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ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mt. Pisgah Regular Baptist Association

HELD WITH

POPLAR REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.
September 20, 21, 22, 1924

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist held with Poplar Church, Newton County, Miss., September 20, 21, 22, 1924.

After song, "How Firm a Foundation", preyer was lead by Bro. Summerlin. Opening prayer led by Bro. Z. K. Gilmore.

Introductory preached by Bro. C. A. Crawford 11:00 A. M. text, "God So Loved the World" his theme was "Love" after sermon adjourned one hour for refreshments.

One P. M. Body came together by singing "Amazing Grace".

Prayer led by Bro. W. L. Collins.

The Moderator, W. H. Rainer declared the body ready for business and appointed committees to read letters: M. R. Jones, Carl Buckley, S. D. Barfoot on Finance. W. W. Adams, J. I. Robinson, Edd McDill.

Roll of Churches called and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Bulah—H. O. White, J. S. Harrison, J. E. Graham, Sister L. S. White.

Cross Roads—A. S. Smith, B. Loper.
Cedar Grove—W. L. Gibbs, T. H. Gibbs.
Hazle—T. G. Harris, E. W. Gibbs.
Ebeneser—J. I. Robinson, B. L. Nelson, G. F. William.
Ephesus—P. L. Waltman.
Hebron—W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird, M. R. Jones.
High Hill—M. A. Joiner, O. R. Philips, Marvin Cox.
Hope Well—J. W. Williams, A. L. Scott, J. B. Williamson.
Little Rock—Jeff Wausley.
Lawrence—Roy Simmons, R. L. Hand.
Midway—W. H. Scoggin, Clifton McMullan, W. T. McMullan.
Good Hope—E. Waltman, A. Smith.
New Ireland—W. J. Germany, W. P. Gardner.
New Providence—C. Buckley, L. Giles.
New Prospect—E. J. Boykin, P. H. Savell.
Poplar—J. R. McCorkle, Guss Gill.
Pickney—C. C. Roebuck, G. M. Rucker.
Pine Bluff—J. H. Hollingsworth, J. H. Valentine.
Pine Ridge—C. D. Hollingsworth, E. L. Robinson.
Pleasant Ridge—W. L. Robinson, H. P. Everette.
Pleasant Hill—W. W. Adams, W. E. Cartliege, C. O. Crane.
Providence—Robert Johnson, Arnold Alexander.
Rock Hill—E. Snowden, B. Wilson.
Sardis—C. C. Eason, Mrs. Mollie Eason.
New Zion—A. M. Askin, W. C. Wall.

Motion carried to elect officers for the ensuing year by acclammation. W. H. Rainer elected Moderator, J. E. Graham, Treasurer, W. J. McMullan, Clerk. The officers elected made short talks thanking the body for the act of confidence.

Correspondents called for. Z. K. Gilmore and L. E. Lightsey from Bay Springs Association, W. L. Collins from Lauderdale County Association, M. W. Laugham from Oktibbeha , J. W. Rooker from Jones

County Association and J. E. Byrd the State Sunday School Man was seated and asked to take part in the deliberations of the body.

Committees appointed: On Preaching, J. L. Coman, C. C. Roebuck with Deacons of Poplar Church; State of Religion, W. J. McMullan; Missions, J. L. Comans, W. T. Robins, M. W. Laugham; Sunday School, M. R. Jones, J. E. Byrd; Orphanage, J. E. Graham A. S. Smith; Hospitals, C. C. Roebuck, W. L. Collins; J. W. Rooker, Temperance, J. I. Robinson, A. L. Scott; W M. U., Mrs. Agnes G. Rush Mrs. H. P. Everett; Christian Education, J. W. William, C. C. Eason; Publication, G. W. Rucker, L. E. Lightsey, J. W. Rooker; Nominations, W. W. Adams, C. C. Roebuck, H. P. Everett, W. L. Gill; Queries and Requests, W. W. Adams, J. W. Williams, H. P. Everett, C. A. Crawford; Obituaries, G. F. William, M. R. Jones, R. L. Summerlin, M. A. Joiner.

Committee on Preaching recommends that J. W. Rooker preach the Annual Mission Sermon, Sunday 11:00 A. M. in the church and Bro. R. L. Summerlin preach at the stand 11:00 A. M., Bro. L. E. Lightsey preach in the church 7:30 P. M., Sunday, Bro. G. W. Rucker lead prayer service 10:00 A. M. and J. E. Byrd to lecture at 10:00 A. M. The body adjourned to 2:30 P. M. Sunday.

Sunday 10:00 A. M.

J. E. Byrd lectured on Sunday School and his visit to Palestine. J. W. Rooker preached in the church and Bro. R. L. Summerlin at the stand. 11:00 A. M. strong and forceful sermons were well received and collection for Missions taken. Adjourned to 2:30 P. M.

2:30 P. M. Sunday

Sunday School Report read by M. R. Jones, see Report No. 1 Discussed by M. R. Jones, J. E. Byrd, Rainer, Lightsey, Bufkin, Summerlin. Bro. Lightsey preached in the church 7:30 P. M.

Monday 8:20 A. M.

Bro. Rainer read Ephesians 4th. Prayer by Z. K. Gilmore.

Ephesus and Little Rock messengers excused. Roll called. Rules Decorum and Gospel Order read.

Messengers to the General Association: W. H. Rainer, J. S Laird, W. W. Adams, G. W. Rucker, H. P. Everett, J. L. Coman, G. F. Williams, M. R. Jones, C. A. Buckley, W. J. McMullan, B. L. Meadow J. W. Williams, T. G. Harris, R. L. Summerlin, C. A. Crawford, H. C. Bufkin, C. C. White. To Scott County Association: J. L. Summerlin J. L. Coman, H. C. Bufkin. To Newton County Association: H. C Bufkin, C. H. Buckley. Bay Springs Association: W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird, H. C. Bufkin, H. P. Everett, J. L. Coman. Oktibbeha Association: G. M. Rucker, J. S. Laird, M. R. Jones. State Convention: R. L. Summerlin, H. C. Bufkin, W. J. McMullan, C. A. Buckley.

Motion carried and visiting Brethren invited to assist in the work of the body.

Reports of Committees called. Hospitals report read by L. E. Lightsey, see No. 2.

Temperance read by J. I. Robinson, No. 3. Discussed by Robinson, Lightsey, Summerlin, Rainer, Jones and Crane.

State of Religion read by W. J. McMullan, see No. 4. Discussed by McMullan and Bufkin.

Missions ead by J. L. Coman, see No. 5. Discussed by Coman, Rainer and Laird.

Publication by Lightsey, see No. 6. Discussed by Lightsey and Rainer.

Orphanage read by M. R. Jones, see No. 7. Collection taken for Orphans.

Adjourned 1:00 P. M. for refreshments.

After a bountiful repast the body came to order at 1:00 P. M.

Report on Obituaries read by M. R. Jones, see No. 8.

Nominations by W. W. Adams, see No. 9.

Queries and Requests read by H. P. Everett, see No. 10.

Christian Education read by J. W. Williams, see No. 11.

Finance read by J. I. Robinson, see No. 12.

Resolution

1. That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of the meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by O. K. of the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expense of this association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3. That we extend our sincere thanks to Poplar Church and the entire community for their kind and generous entertainment of the association.

4. That we now adjourn to meet with New Providence Church, three miles north of Chunky, Saturday before the Third Lord's Day in September, 1925.

While singing "Sweet By and By" the parting hand was given and a fervent prayer led by Bro. H. C. Buffkin in behalf of the Association and its work. Closed a harmonious session of the association.

W. H. RAINER, Moderator,
W. J. McMULLAN, Clerk.

Report on Preaching

Your committee on Preaching recommends that J. W. Rooker preach the Annual Sermon on Mission Sunday 11:00 A. M. in the church and R. L. Summerlin at the stand 11:00 A. M., L. E. Lightsey to preach at the church 7:30 P. M.

Sunday School Report

It is with regret we come with this report. We find a number of our churches do not have a Sunday School. God's word said: "Gather the People Together, Men, Women and Children, and Thy Stranger That is Within Thy Gates That They May Hear, and That They May Learn and Fear the Lord, Your God, and Observe to Do All the Words of This Law." Nehimiah's Bible School is recorded in Neh. 8, C. where Ezra stood all day reading and interpreting the book of the Lord to the people. Christ went about teaching, and preaching to the people. We believe there should be a Sunday School in every church, there's no better place to learn the Bible.

M. R JONES, Chairman.

Missions

The first call of our Lord to Mission Work is in our home, then among our neighbors, and then send the gospel to foreign lands.

The word has been committed to the church, and surely the Baptist have this responsibility as no other people in the world. It was given to us by our Lord.

Our Home Mission Work is directed by the executive board of the General Association, in preaching to destitute places in our territory and helping to sustain pastors where churches are not able to sustain themselves, and aiding in building and repairing church buildings when needed. All missions rest on Home and State Mission.

Foreign Missions demand our attention, time, means and prayers. The needs of the gospel of Jesus Christ is greater today than ever before. If we pray aright God will furnish the men and the means to accomplish the great work. Let us trust Him and go forward.

J. L. COMANS, Chairman.

Orphanage Report

We realize the benefits that has come through the labors of Superintendent J. R. Carter who has been faithful in looking after the thouands of children that have been placed in his charge. We feel that the Orphanage has been a great uplift to our people in training orphan children. Many of them have risen into high positions in different parts of the country. We urge that Baptist make liberal contributions to the support of the Orphanage, for there is no place equal to the Orphans Home in training children outside of the parental home.

Submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Report on Temperance

Corinthians 1st, 9th C., 25th V.: "And every man striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." In Titus 2 and 2nd Peter 1-6: "We are taught that temperance is one of the Christiangraces." Brethren, let's cultivate that virtue, be moderate in our daily life, and of things of a doubtful nature lets be restrained or abstain. Thereby avoid the appearance of evil. Abstain from all alcoholic, narcotics and the socalled "soft drinks". We have laws forbiding or regulating these evils, let Baptist assist the officers in enforcing the laws. Our report would not be complete without mentioning the "moonshiner" or Illicit Distiller, Cigarette Fiends, the Modern Dress, and the Automobile riding.

J. F. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Report on Hospitals

The Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Miss. began in 1910 in a wooden building, in 1921 the present building was erected. The number of patients treated this year, 1850; number charity patients treated this year, 188. The cost of treating charity this year, $6,245.55; cost of running the Hospital this year, $66,175.64. Capacity of the Hospital 75 beds; number of nurses in training, 28; number of operating rooms, 3; number X-Ray machines, 3; number physicians and surgeons on staff, 26. We feel that the Baptist Hospital is doing a great work and Baptist should support it and patronize it when in need of hospital service.

C. C. ROEBUCK,
W. L. COLLINS,
J. W. ROOKER, Committee.

Publications

God says, "My people perish for the lack of knowledge."

As a means of information we have the Bible that reveals the will of God, as no other book can. So let us stay close to the Bible. There are good books written by men who are consecrated to the Lord. These books help us to be more efficient in the Kingdom work. The Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Miss., The Orphanage Gem, Home and Foreign Fields, and other literature fostered by the denomination should be read by Baptist.

J. W. ROOKER,
L. E. LIGHTSEY, Committee.

Christian Education

The Baptist of Mississippi are amply supplied with colleges owned and controlled by Baptist. Our people have great opportunities for educational training for service in Christian work. Our schools are Mississippi College, Womans College, Blue Mountain, and Clark Memorial College. These schools are doing a great work in helping to prepare our people for efficient service in the Master's Vineyard. These colleges last year had approximately 1500 students in attendance. There are so many things being taught in this, our generation that it behooves us as baptist to look well to who teaches our children.

It is our duty as parents to place our children and young people in schools controlled by Christians, and to see that some of the books and literature that's flooding the country is kept out of our homes.

J. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence

Messengers from the churches report preaching this year with ingatherings.

We have had correspondence with associations joining our territory. As to the State of Religion in our country, is a question to be debated. We have a host of Christians that are God loving and Christ serving, ready for every good work, giving their means and lives to the advancement of the religion of Christ, Jesus, our Lord. And then there are many professed Christians that forget or neglect their duty. They fail to live for Christ. Never attend church service and their lives are such that would not accuse them of being a Christian. Such a life is deplorable. Brethren let us live up to the full measure of the New Testament standard of a Christian. And let this mind be in you which was also in Christ, Jesus, Phillippians 2-5.

W. J. McMULLAN, Chairman.

Report on Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations recommend that W. H. Rainer preach the next Introductory Sermon and that J. L. Coman preach the Annual Sermon.

W. W. ADAMS, Chairman.

Report on Queries and Requests

We find that Ebenezer, New Ireland, New Prospect, Sardis and New Providence request the next meeting of the Association. We recommend that the next meeting be held with New Providence.

W. W. ADAMS, Chairman.

Report on Finance

Associational Fund received this year	$63.95
Collected for Mission Sunday	23.77
For the Orphanage	16.63
Total	$104.35

W. W. ADAMS, Chairman.

Treasurer received last year	$99.96
Paid for the Association	81.56
Paid for the Orphans	8.40
Paid to General Association	10.00
Total	$99.96

J. E. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

Report on Obituaries

The names of our dead are as follows: Bros. R. K. Cleveland, J. P. Reynolds, J. H. and E. Germany, E. Thorton, D. Weeks; Sisters, Nancy, A. M. William, A. Harrison, E. Davidson, N. Blackman.

We bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father.

G. F. WILLIAM, Chairman.

Chairmen to Write Reports for 1925

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence: J. W. William; Missions, J. L. Coman; Sunday School, H. C. Bufkin; Orphanage, R. L. Summerlin; Temperance, M. R. Jones; Baptist Hospitals, W. J. McMullan; Publication, Walter Cross; Christian Education, J. I. Robinson; Queries and Requests, A. S. Smith; Nominations, W. W. Adams; President of Sunday School Work West of the G. M. & N. R. R., H. C. Bufkin and M. R. Jones on the East Side.

Ordained Ministers

H. O. White	Little Rock, Miss.
T. A. Sims	Little Rock, Miss.
J. S. Laird	Little Rock, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.
J. L. Coman	Sebastopol, Miss.
J. H. Saterfield	Lawrence, Miss.
R. L. Summerlin	Lawrence, Miss.
C. A. Crawford	Decatur, Miss.
E. W. Breland	Haze, Miss.
Walter Cross	Newton, Miss.
H. C. Bufkin	Decatur, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.

Licentuates

J. G. Giles	Chunky, Miss.
G. W. Rucker	Union, Miss.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall consist of messengers chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such messengers shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association they shall petition by letter and messenger and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their messenger the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two messengers and no more, until her number shall be one hundred; three messengers until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty; then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. A motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof. and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject 'till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then, until leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of messengers shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be carefully read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall open with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of this Association by a majority of the Association.

Abstracts of Faith—Preamble

We, the messengers of regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Tribune God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequences of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inabiliy to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling being justified alone through righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and requires all men to repent believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all be-

lievers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order

1. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly decipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiven of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members of the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of the Association

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore the Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable rights of every Association of every church of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And on motion whereby the rights is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5 Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not messengers, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of the proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Average Attendance	No. Church Members	Baptised from School	No. Diplomas	Kind Literature
Bulah	T. A. Sims	Little Rock	Miss E. Graham	Decatur	7	49	32				Baptist
Cross Roads	A. S. Smith	Decatur	Miss Alice Thorton	Decatur	6	50	25				Baptist
Hazle	F. Saterfield	Lawrence	N. M. Emmons	Lake	7	70	50				Baptist
Midway	M. M. McMullan	Newton	W. T. McMullan	Newton	4	25	12	20	2	2	Baptist
Good Hope	T. E. Davis	Lake	Miss Emma Waltman	Lake	6	60	40				Baptist
New Ireland	M. O. Barfoot	Union	Quinie Vance	Union	7	76	35				Baptist
New Prosect	P. H. Snell	Conehatta	Miss Lillie Smith	Conehatta	6	30	25				Baptist
Pickney	J. E. Collins	Union	V. G. Gordon	Union	6	50	25				Baptist
Pine Ridge	A. A. Melton	Lawrence	Aline Smith	Lake	4	72	40				Baptist
Pleasant Hill	Jonnie Gardner	Conehatta	Miss E. Stewart	Conehatta	5	45	25				Baptist
Little Rock	A. J. Smith	Little Rock		Little Rock	7	50	35				Baptist
Ephesus	P. L. Walters	Forest	May Barber	Forest	5	80	75				Baptist

Cross Roads reports W. M. U. Superintendent Mrs. Georgia Thorton, P. O. Decatur.

Midway reports W. M. U. Superintendent Mrs. M. M. McMullan, P. O. Newton.

FINANCIAL TABLE

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Statement	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Erased	Dead	Unknown	Residents	Non-Residents	Total Members	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Minutes Wanted	Time of Meeting
Bulah	Newton	J. E. Graham	Decatur	E. M. Breland	Philadelphia	6	1			4			1				206	2		30	4th
Cross Roads	Newton	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur	M. F. Mann	Decatur	2	3			2			1	4	70	2	73			15	4th
Cedar Grove	Newton	N. B. Hammond	Decatur	W. L. Gibbs	Newton	8	14			4							41			15	4th
Ebenezer	Newton	W. H. Rainer	Lttle Rock	S. M. Bound	Newton	3	3						1		80	13	94			20	2nd
Ephesus	Scott	R. G. Clark	Harpersville	W. Wolf	Forest	22	11			1	2		2				80	1			2nd
Good Hope	Scott	T. E. Davis	Lake	R. L. Summerlin	Lake	13	7	1	1	4					138	2	140			20	2nd
Hazle	Newton	Agnes Rush	Lake	W. B. Mott	Newton	13											148	2		12	1st
Hebron	Newton	M. R. Jones	Union	A. B. Culpepper	Duffee	2				4			2		88	40	128	2		10	2nd
Hope Well	Newton	J. B. Williamson	Duffee	W. H. Rainer	Little Rock	13	7		1	8							164			25	3rd
High Hill	Neshoba	L. W. Brewer	Dixon	R. L. Summerlin	Lake	11	4			6		3	1	1	110	40	151	1		20	3rd
Lawrence	Newton	Mrs. J. B. Price	Lawrence	J. G. Bassett	Louin		2			1					16	6	23			10	4th
Little Rock	Newton	J. Smith	Little Rock	S. Breland		6	1				1										
Midway	Newton	W. J. McMullan	Newton	J. J. Purvis	Newton	2	4			2							34			12	3rd
New Ireland	Newton	S. B. Barfoot	Union	J. L. Coman	Sebastopol					2			2		64	25	89			13	2nd
New Prospect	Newton	A. H. Savel	Conehatta	E. A. Philips	Newton	3				2							87			20	3rd
New Providence	Newton	F. Lindley	Chunky	J. S. Laird	Little Rock						3		1		34	13	47		1	12	2nd
Poplar	Newton	L. F. Milling	Conehatta	J. L. Coman	Sebastopol	5	1			3							65			15	4th
Pinckney	Newton	V. G. Gordon	Union	J. L. Coman	Sebastopol	17	6			4							85		1	15	3rd
Pine Bluff	Newton	P. C. Fyeatt	Newton	H. H. Bethume	Newton		3			6							61			10	1st
Pine Ridge	Newton	N. V. Harrison	Lake	J. S. Laird	Little Rock	4				2			1				42			12	1st
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	J. T. Caldwell	Decatur	W. H. Rainer	Little Rock	1	4			1					74	19	93	1		20	1st
Pleasant Hill	Newton	W. J. Adams	Conehatta	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur	17	5			8							153			12	1st
Providence	Lauderdale	Ethel Johnson	Schambersvill	C. A. Crawford	Decatur												23			12	2nd
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	Lillie Giles	Meehan	W. Cross	Newton	1									37	5	42	1		13	3rd
Sulphur Spring	Scott	J. W. Anderson	Conehatta	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur	14				1							80			13	3rd
Sardis	Newton	[illegible] M. Warren	Sebastopol	L. D. Bassett	Louin	3	3			4	8		2				103			20	1st
New Zion	Scott	W. C. Wall	Morton	G. W. Gardner		12	9			Organized 1924							19			8	4th

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CHURCH	COUNTY	Date Organized	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Mission	Sunday School	Orphanage	Local Poor	Associational Fund	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.	Visiting and Ministers Aid	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Value of Church and Property
Bulah	Newton	1850				$31.11			$ 3.00				$150.00		$1750.00
Cross Roads	Newton	1880				7.00		$ 2.00	3.00			$38.00	50.00		600.00
Cedar Grove	Newton	1920							2.60			45.20		$ 90.00	
Ephesus	Scott	1877				3.00		3.00	2.25				150.00		600.00
Ebenezer	Newton	1873	$ 5.22					17.20	4.00				88.20	24.00	850.00
Good Hope	Scott	1880				15.00		28.00	3.15			32.00		2.75	1100.00
Hazle	Newton	1906							2.30			55.00	125.00		
Hebron	Newton	1880	47.00						1.50				102.00		700.00
Hope Well	Newton	1898	16.00					10.00	3.75				35.00	100.00	850.00
High Hill			12 23		5.00				3.50				40.05		500.00
Lawrence	Newton	1913	8.00	10.00	32.00		5.00		2.50			56.00	150.00		
Little Rock	Newton		10.00						2.60			30.00			2000.00
Midway	Newton	1878	20.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	1.50			25.00	75.00		750.
New Ireland	Newton					40.00			1.95				100.00		2100.00
New Prospect	Newton	1855				5.00			3.00			13.00	120.00		2000.00
New Providence	Newton	1894											72.00		150.00
Poplar	Newton								2.35			15.00	80.00		500.00
Pickney	Newton	1847		9.25		4.00			2.60				90.00		500.00
Pine Bluff	Newton	1884	20.00						2.10			25.00	60.00		800.00
Pine Ridge	Newton		10.00						1.50			10.00	48.00		1150.00
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	1920	19.60						3.00			8.00	75.00		1250.00
Providence	Lauderdale			8.00					1.75						800.00
Pleasant Hill	Newton		12.00			4.50			2.00				175.00		1500.00
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	1920							3.00			30.00	100.00	100.00	650.00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	1848							1.35			67.15	87.00		1100.00
Sardis	Newton								3.00			50.00	180.00		700.00
New Zion	Scott	1921													